

THE WEATHER: Fair and somewhat colder Saturday; Sunday fair; fresh west winds.

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## CONVICT MUTINY IN STATE PRISON

Two Guards and Warden Shot Down by Desperate Prisoners.

### NO ESCAPES MADE

Dynamite Used to Blow Down Main Gate at Prison.

TWO CONVICTS SHOT AND OTHERS CAPTURED BY POSSE AT EDGE OF JEFFERSON CITY, MO., AFTER A DESPERATE RUNNING BATTLE.

By Associated Press.  
Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 24.—A few minutes after three o'clock this afternoon eight or ten convicts at the state penitentiary suddenly mutinied and shot guards John Clay and E. Allison, killing them instantly. The suddenness of the mutiny temporarily paralyzed prison discipline, and before any attempt to subdue the mutiny could be made the mutineers had exploded dynamite under the main prison gate. Deputy Warden See at the same time fell, probably mortally wounded by a bullet.  
Prison officials succeeded in preventing the escape of all but four of the desperate convicts. Those four gained the street, sprang into a passing wagon, knocked the driver from his seat and miraculously escaping the fusillade of bullets, lashed the horse into full speed right through the residence portion of Jefferson City.  
Officers from the penitentiary, armed with Winchesters, rapidly pursued and at the end of town overtook the escaping desperadoes. A battle ensued in which two of the convicts were shot and badly injured and the remaining two were subsequently captured.

## LONG ROMANCE ENDS IN WEDDING

Mississippi City, Miss., Nov. 24.—Their courtship broken up when both were young and deep in the mysteries of love's dream, not meeting again until a lapse of over thirty years, during which time each had married twice and lost their respective mates—that is part of the interesting romance in the lives of D. D. Dumas, aged 58 years, a prominent citizen of Forest, and Mrs. M. C. Bryant, aged 54 years, of Mississippi City. The sequel is found in the marriage here of the aged couple. When Mr. Dumas was quite a young man he courted and won his bride, but on account of some interference, the hopes of the couple were not realized, and they soon drifted apart. The young lady several years afterward was married, and after the death of her husband was married a second time to M. C. Bryant, now deceased. Mr. Dumas also had two matrimonial experiences, and some years after the death of his second wife turned to his first love. Six months ago the courtship of the old days was renewed, and it did not take either of the aged lovers very long to determine matters. Mr. Dumas came at once to Mississippi City, and the ceremony was performed.

## MUTINY IN THE BLACK SEA FLEET

By Associated Press.  
London, Nov. 24.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegraph Company from St. Petersburg says it is persistently rumored that there has been a mutiny in the Black Sea fleet and that a mutiny in the garrison at Sebastopol has mutinied, killing the chief officer of the staff and wounding several.

## NEW PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY

By Associated Press.  
Macon, Ga., Nov. 24.—Dr. Charles Lee Smith was formally installed as president of Mercer University here tonight. The importance of the event was shown by a number of addresses by well known men, among them being President Ira Remsen, of Johns Hopkins University, Chancellor Walter B. Hill, of Georgia University, Governor J. M. Terrell and others.

## REMARKABLE INCIDENT IN MERIWETHER TRIAL

Rear Admiral McCormick, One of the Judges, Challenged by Judge Advocate. Branch's Body to Be Exhumed.

By Associated Press.  
Annapolis, Nov. 24.—One of the most remarkable incidents in the history of naval court martials in this country marked to-day's session of the court which is trying Midshipman Meriwether, Jr., in connection with the fight between himself and Midshipman James R. Branch.  
Read Admiral Alexander H. McCormick, next in point of rank of members of the court to Admiral Ramsey, its president, was challenged by Judge Advocate Marix after all the testimony for the prosecution had been submitted, a proceeding which Judge Marix said had never been taken by him in all his years of previous experience, and of which he had never heard.  
The grounds for the challenge appeared after the beginning of the trial and were first: that Admiral McCormick had consulted with a high medical authority, Medical Director Thomas C. Walton, U. S. N., retired, in relation to the case; second that he had by his repeated testimony continued the cross examination of the prosecution's witnesses and had practically taken the place of counsel for accused and third that he evinced the possession of a theory of the case which was so rooted that it would be impossible to move it by evidence.  
Admiral McCormick said, "I should be deeply mortified if I thought I had done anything contrary to the oath I took when I became a member of this court, but of course if I am relieved of further duty I shall simply feel that a weight has been removed from my shoulders." He stated that he had a conversation with Medical Inspector Thomas, but did not think it was going beyond his province.  
The court was cleared and upon its being re-opened it was announced by Admiral Ramsey that the challenge had not been sustained.  
Only second in point of interest to the challenge was the court's determination to request the Secretary of the Navy to order the body of late Midshipman Branch to be exhumed and an autopsy held.  
The prosecution has closed its case.

## Florida Policy Holders Send Proxies to Lawson

Special to The Journal.  
Tallahassee, Nov. 24.—The life insurance question is being agitated to some extent here. Many policy holders of the New York Life, the Mutual Life and the Equitable Life insurance companies have sent their proxies to Mr. Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston.  
Governor Broward and Railroad Commissioners J. L. Morgan and R. Hudson Burr have forwarded their proxies to Mr. Lawson.  
The sentiment here seems to be in favor of giving Mr. Lawson every assistance to put out the wrong doers in the life insurance companies. It is contended by those who are sending their proxies that to Mr. Lawson and him alone is due the credit for exposing the insurance scandals and they are willing to help him in his fight to change the management.

## Important Resolutions By Federation of Labor

By Associated Press.  
Pittsburg, Nov. 24.—The Federation of Labor today adopted several resolutions recommended by the committee on education as follows: Condemning convict labor when in competition with free labor; endorsing eight hour law; recommending the abolition of child labor; providing for the organization of a Woman's Union Label League and welcoming aid from the Presbyterian church in the establishment of a department of church and labor.

## YOUNG WESCOTT WAS A VICTIM OF DRINK

Came of Good Family But Has Led Dissipated Life for Past Two Years.

FATHER WAS IN JACKSONVILLE WHEN NEWS OF SUICIDE REACHED HIM—BODY EMBALMED AND SHIPPED TO FORMER HOME IN WILMINGTON, N. C.

Special to The Journal.  
Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 24.—Clement Wescott, the young Wilmington man who committed suicide in the Commercial hotel at Pensacola last night, was the second son of R. M. Wescott, a well to do real estate dealer of this city.  
When the news of his sons suicide reached here Mr. Wescott was in Jacksonville where he had gone to be with his eldest son who recently fractured a leg there.  
Clement Wescott was a bright and popular boy and gave promise of doing well. However, he fell a victim to drink and had been dissipated for the past two years. He left Wilmington several weeks ago, going first to Mississippi.

Remains Sent Home.  
The remains of J. C. Wescott, the young man who succeeded at the Commercial Hotel Thursday night, by taking a quantity of laudanum, were embalmed yesterday afternoon by instructions from his father, and were shipped out last night to Wilmington, N. C., where his parents reside.  
Marshal Schad telegraphed to the family Thursday night of the death, and yesterday received two telegrams. One requesting that the body be embalmed and given every attention and another stated that the father would meet the body at Valdosta and accompany it home.  
Nothing regarding the young man since his arrival in Pensacola, could be learned yesterday, but it is believed that he has been in the city for a number of days, and becoming

## SYNDICATE DEALS BY INSURANCE CO'S.

### BARRANCAS WINS FROM FORT MORGAN

In the Football Game Yesterday Afternoon, by the Score of 30 to 6

In the first football game of the season in this section, the team representing Fort Barrancas was victorious against the Fort Morgan eleven yesterday afternoon before a large crowd, many of whom were from the city. The score was 30 to 6.  
The eleven from Fort Morgan, accompanied by a number of rooters, reached here on the army steamer Poe. The men were much heavier than the Barrancas eleven, and while they did their best they were clearly outclassed in team play and were no match for the clever players of the local men.  
Some of the Barrancas men played an exceptionally good game, among them being Williams, full back; Disgerstaff, right end; and several others.  
A return game will be played at Fort Morgan some time during the coming week. The Pensacola eleven and the Fort Barrancas team will also play a game in the near future.

## YOUNG MAN WAS INSTANTLY KILLED

Noah Nellem's Met Death at Muscogee Mills of Southern States Lumber Co.

Noah Nellem's, a young man of about 18 years of age, met instant death yesterday at the Muscogee mills of the Southern States Lumber Company, the body being mangled until it was almost unrecognizable.  
The young man was employed as oiler at the plant and went below to oil up some machinery. He remained there for a short time, and it is presumed that he was caught by some of the belts or chains, as within a short time the men above him were horrified to see his head and shoulders come up on one of the chain belts through the upper floor.  
The machinery was quickly stopped and the body taken out. It is presumed by those working there at the time that Nellem's, in an effort to shift a chain, had his clothing caught in the machinery and was quickly ground to pieces.  
Several other witnesses were examined by the committee today.

## LOUISIANA BANK CLOSED BY ORDER OF DIRECTORS

By Associated Press.  
Washington, Nov. 24.—The Comptroller of the Currency has been advised that the directors of the First National Bank of Leesville, La., have closed the bank. No cause is given.

## DEATH LAST NIGHT OF AN AGED LADY

Mrs. Nancy Bishop, an aged lady, residing at the residence of F. C. Davis, corner of Tenth avenue and La Rua streets, expired yesterday afternoon at 4:25 o'clock after a short illness.  
The deceased was seventy-four years of age, and had been a resident of Pensacola for about five months. Before moving here she lived at Milton, where she had resided for a number of years.

## BRITISH CABINET WILL NOT RESIGN

By Associated Press.  
London, Nov. 24.—Following a meeting of the cabinet to-day it was rumored the ministers rejected the proposition for the collective resignation of ministers and decided it would be better to dissolve parliament and appeal to the electorates. No date was fixed for such dissolution.

Startling Developments Brought Out at Session of Armstrong Committee.

## BOOKS DOCTORED

To Conceal Transactions of a Rather Shady Character.

LARGE SUMS ADVANCED TO ANDREW HAMILTON APPARENTLY TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION—FALSE ENTRIES MADE IN SEVERAL INSTANCES TO COVER UP SYNDICATE TRANSACTIONS.

By Associated Press.  
New York, Nov. 24.—Startling developments were brought out at today's session of the Armstrong Committee on Insurance Investigation in the course of a minute inquiry by Mr. Hughes, counsel to the committee, into the syndicate transactions participated in by the New York Life Insurance Co.

The most important witness of the day was Milton Madison, a bookkeeper for the New York Life, during whose examination it was brought out that in the case of the United States Steel Corporation syndicate, the managers of which were J. P. Morgan & Co., there appeared in one instance profits due the New York Life of \$57,187, from which was deducted, with no reason being given the sum of \$59,310, paid to Andrew Hamilton, who has been described in the course of the investigation as the "insurance legislative generalissimo."

It appeared from the records produced by Mr. Hughes that the account of J. P. Morgan & Co. with Hamilton showed that in December 1901 the firm had advanced to Hamilton the sum of \$56,720 and that in October, 1902, this amount, with interest, to \$59,310 and that it was then cancelled by the entry of that amount to Hamilton's credit. The entry of this amount in the account of the New York Life read: "As per cancelled statement and arrangements with G. W. Perkins."

It was also developed that participation in the syndicate by the New York Life was affected through the New York Security and Trust Co., by which one-fourth of the profits of the former company were retained.  
Pressed by Mr. Hughes to tell whether he knew of any other instance of money due the New York Life being paid to a third party, as in the Hamilton case, Mr. Madison recalled the payment, in 1904, of forty thousand dollars to George W. Perkins, representing profit on a loan of \$230,000 to the Boston firm of Kidder, Peabody & Co. No entry of the transaction was made on the books of the New York Life.

## REV. WADSWORTH WILL BE TRIED

By Associated Press.  
Newnan, Ga., Nov. 24.—At a meeting of the North Georgia Conference of the Southern Methodist Church here to-day it was definitely determined to formally try Rev. W. W. Wadsworth, D. D., against whom serious charges have been made. A committee has been appointed by Bishop Duncan to conduct the trial.

## NEGRO COLLEGE BURNS

Blister, Miss., Nov. 24.—Harper College, a negro school located at Harper, was burned yesterday. The flames are supposed to have originated from a defective flue. The building was insured for \$2,000.



POLITICAL BOSSISM (TO THE GRAFTER)—IF THAT STORM IS GOING TO HANG AROUND US MUCH LONGER WE HAD JUST AS WELL CRAWL 'WAY IN THESE HOLES AND PULL 'EM IN AFTER US.